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SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE PARTICIPATION IN NATO AWACS

PORTUGUESE DEFAD CATARINO APPROACHED MAJ GEN BOWMAN (DIR
FOR EUROPEAN AND NATO AFFAIRS, ISA) IN THE MARGINS OF THE
EWG MEETING ON THE NATO LONG TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM. CATA-
RINO SAID THAT PORTUGAL WOULD LIKE TO FIND SOME WAY TO
INCREASE ITS CONTRIBUTION TO NATO AWACS TO DEMONSTRATE
THAT EVEN THOUGH ITS ECONOMY IS IN THE WORST SHAPE OF ANY
IN THE ALLIANCE, IT APPRECIATES THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS
ALLIANCE PROGRAM. HE ASKED THAT THE US EXPLORE WHETHER
SOME SORT OF MAINTENANCE WORK COULD BE DONE AT A REAR AREA
BASE IN PORTUGAL SO THAT AN INCREASED PORTUGUESE CONTRIBU-
TION WOULD BE SPENT IN PORTUGAL, THEREBY AVOIDING FURTHER
EXACERBATION OF BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PROBLEMS. REQUEST
WASHINGTON INVESTIGATION OF THIS POSSIBILITY. BENNETT

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